

# Victor Valley College



## Associated Student Body

2009 - 2010

# ASB Structure

## Executive Council

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Executive Senator

## Communication Officers

Public Relations  
Activities Senator  
Inner Club Council Senator

## Department Positions

Math & Science Senator  
Arts & Music Senator  
Humanities &  
Social Science Senator

## Department Positions

Business Senator  
Vocational Education  
Senator  
Athletics Senator  
Allied Health Senator

## Student Advocacy

Student Advocate  
California Student Senate  
ASACC California Rep.

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# About Victor Valley College

- Established in 1961 Victor Valley College serves Victorville as well as the surrounding cities, which include Apple Valley, Hesperia, Oak Hills, Adelanto, Phelan, Barstow and Lucerne Valley. Our Alumni have taken the tools obtained at VVC and have found success coast to coast. Some of our noteworthy alumni include John W. Henry, money manager and principal owner of the Boston Red Sox; Jamel Richardson, professional football player; and Peggy Conlon, President and CEO of the Ad Council.
- The Victor Valley College Campus is currently experiencing an approximate 12% early increase in admissions with a 9% full time equivalent increase. Current credit and non-credit enrollment is at approximately 14,900.
- One of the reasons Victor Valley College stands out when amongst the nations other Community Colleges is reflected in our on campus organizations. Our Model United Nations has won the Washington D.C. and New York Conferences “Outstanding Delegation” Award five times in the last five years. They also claimed the “Outstanding Position Paper” award four times in the last four years. Our chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Alpha Phi Gamma were awarded the prestigious 5-Star Status this year. Our Biology and Sustainability departments conducted research abroad. The Victor Valley College Associated Student Body is a two time, American Student Association of Community College “College of the Year”.

# Political Contributions

Raising political awareness is one of the most important things to the Victor Valley College Associated Student body. We aim to be a reliable source of information for our students and have worked hard to educate ourselves with regards to the topics important to Community Colleges across the nation. Our council broaches these topics when speaking with local representatives in private sessions and have given our students access to the representatives themselves. We provide our students the opportunity to be heard and the tools to make a difference. Included are just a few of the things we have done this year to contribute in the political realm.

# Political Contributions



## Town Hall Meeting:

Victor Valley College's Associated Student Body helped raise political awareness by facilitating a town hall meeting on August 26, 2009, in which over 650 people attended. Congressman Jerry Lewis spoke at our campus about Healthcare reform and then held an open forum in which members of the public were given the opportunity to ask questions and/or comment. In doing so we brought an open political discussion with a current elected official to the local level and specifically to our students.

## Question and Answer Session :

Victor Valley College ASB met with Assemblymember Steve Knight in July 2009 at our annual retreat. We spoke for several hours on topics effecting college students and specifically the concerns of Community Colleges.



## Education:

The Associated Student Body met with ASACC Public Policy Advisor Frank Mensel to discuss his past work on the Pell Grant, his current work with the Bridge Program and the importance of community colleges to higher education. He also provided valuable lobbying strategies.

# Political Contributions



## Local Relationships:

Our council reaches out to the local community and has built relationships with the representatives of the cities we serve. One such bond is with Mayor Rudy Cabriales of the High Desert Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Our groups have worked together and supported each others efforts in raising scholarship money, holding events and in serving the individuals of our community.

## Measure JJ:

Our Council helped promote measure JJ by lobbying in the community. We felt it was vital for our campus to grow with the needs of our students. Measure JJ passed, providing over \$297 million dollars to expand Victor Valley College facilities.



## Voter Registration:

Throughout the year we provide a booth where students can register to vote. Last year alone, our council helped approximately 682 students to register. The Victor Valley College ASB also arranged to have a polling place on campus so students could have easy access to vote. In addition, we promote knowledge of government facts and current issues through Webinars.



# Political Contributions

## Political Outreach:

The Associated Student Body has represented Victor Valley College at conferences in an attempt to forge relationships with political representatives and push ideas important to community colleges across the nation. The Victor Valley College ASB has been a member of the American Student Association of Community Colleges (ASACC) for almost a decade. Vice President Judy Schmoll and Allied Health Senator Sheri Schmoll serve as members of the ASACC Leadership Team. Our council also sends six to twenty people to the Citizenship Advocacy Conference each year, where we lobby for federal policies set by ASACC.

Our council also has officers that serve as members on the Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC). In doing so we meet monthly with fellow community colleges in our region and foster open discussions in which we share ideas, goals and information on what is essential for student success. This year our council also joined other councils at the state capital to express our interest and advocate for reform.



# On Campus

- The Associated Student Body of Victor Valley College puts the students we represent in the forefront of everything we do. Each year, as we set the goals that better our school and council, there is only one rule... that they are for the benefit of the students. We are continually working toward keeping the lines of communication open between faculty, staff and the undergraduates. Our ASB Council sits on campus wide committees giving input on academic guidelines, procedures, college curriculum, environment and safety, as well as community related events. We work as hard as possible to complete everything that encompasses what is expected of us as student representatives.

# On Campus



## NASCO:

The Victor Valley College Associated Student Body hosted The National Association of Student Clubs & Organizations Conference. The conference provided college organizations education on fundraising, goal setting and leadership training through workshops.

## High School Leadership:

For the 3rd consecutive year Victor Valley College invited local high schools to send student leaders to take part in several workshops on leadership and communications.



## Bridge Program:

Victor Valley College has a seven year contract to participate in the Bridge program. The K16 Bridge Program was designed by a group of teachers, instructors, counselors, staff and administrators to unite K16 with community colleges and four year post secondary institutions. Through technology, training, personal web sites, in class lessons and ongoing support, students become active participants in their transition to higher education.



# On Campus



## Gear up:

VVC is in its 11<sup>th</sup> year working with the national GEAR UP program. Our Gear Up program partners with the community to make early contact with students by supporting them through mentoring, tutoring, financial aid, and other support systems. The program is intended to inform disadvantaged students about college and helps provide them the necessary tools to achieve their goals. This year our group took a ninety-nine children on a trip to Universities throughout California introducing them to higher education.

## 9/11 Memorial:

In this annual event Victor Valley College remembered those who gave their lives on Sept. 11, 2001, and took the opportunity to thank those locally who work in the police, fire and paramedic field. This years event included a Wreath presentation in front of VVC's 9/11 monument and was attended by over two hundred people.



## Study Abroad Programs:

The VVC Associated student body supported study abroad programs this past Year by providing financial support to our Biology department and the Sustainability Course. This allowed students to take advantage of study and research opportunities outside of the U.S.

# Community Outreach

The Victor Valley College Associated Student Body's relationship with our community is the most important of all. Working in, with, and for the Victor Valley shows that we care about our area as much as we do the students we are helping to flourish. Our Associated Student Body chooses to be a positive force and gets involved whenever possible.

# Community Outreach



## Willy Wonka Event:

Victor Valley College hosted an event for local foster youth in correlation with our theatrical production of Willy Wonka. In attendance were over 400 foster children and their families, who enjoyed a complimentary dinner and show. The children were also entertained with games and received giveaways.

## Peace Jam:

Victor Valley College ASB participates in this event where 12 Nobel Peace Prize Laureates encouraged, introduced, and inspired students to become young leaders committed to positive change in their own lives as well as in the community. VVC sent 7 ASB Senators and 3 M.U.N students to this event held at Loyola Marymount in L.A. to bring back vital information to the High Desert Community.



## Cinco De Mayo:

Victor Valley College has partnered with the High Desert Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for fifteen years to provide the community with this event. It is one of Victor Valley College's largest events and included over fifty vendors.



# Community Outreach



## The Aids Walk:

The focus of the Aids Walk is on improving lives, reducing the risk, and raising awareness about HIV and AIDS. Our ASB gets involved with this event because we believe in educating our students about health issues. Many college students are sexually active, so it is important to inform them about Sexual Transmitted Diseases.

## Relay for Life :

The Victor Valley College Associated Student Body teamed with Phi Theta Kappa in an effort to support “Relay for Life”. Through our efforts we raised over \$1100 dollars for cancer research.



## Helping the Environment:

VVC is a Green Campus and Associated Student Body joins our clubs/organization in environmental projects. In the last year alone we have taken part in the clean up of our campus lake, area streets, the Santa Ana River and the Wetlands. There was also a book drive held in which hundreds of were saved from being thrown away.

# Community Outreach



# ASB Goals 2009-2010

## 1. Campus Beautification

To advocate for social responsibility and environmental awareness, the A.S.B. will: plant trees to provide shaded areas; maintain a clean environment through various campus activities; and place additional seating in outdoor areas throughout the campus.

## 2. Enhance Technology

Continue to develop a comprehensive student service network linking campus-wide services to students into a peer information center by: student emails and email access; Org sync student directory of services.

## 3. Certificate Programs

In order to help facilitate the growth of V.V.C., the A.S.B. encourages the Curriculum Committee and the V.P. of Instruction to incorporate GED and cosmetology certificates.

## 4. A.S.A.C.C. College of the Year

The A.S.B. Council will strive to recapture the honor of A.S.A.C.C. College of the Year by: lobbying for student rights; promoting the letter writing campaigns; and increasing Voter Registration.

5. The A.S.B. Council shall represent the students of V.V.C. and ensure educational and extra-curricular opportunities by increasing and promoting A.S.B. card sales.

## 6. Scholarships

Regardless of financial aid eligibility, the A.S.B. Council will raise awareness of available scholarships and pledge to increase their dollar amount.

# ASB Goals 2009-2010

## 7. Book Rental Program

The A.S.B. will lay the foundation for affordable textbooks by implementing the adoption of guidelines making a pilot rental program feasible.

## 8. Customer Service

The A.S.B. will ensure feedback and ideas about student experiences at V.V.C. through the use of online suggestions/advice cards, including online, and comment boxes places throughout campus.

9. The A.S.B. will partner with the V.P. of Human Resources to maximize the number of work study job opportunities.

10. To improve communication regarding services and events, the A.S.B. will develop and distribute additional literature and utilize existing technology.

11. To lessen the burden on students during peak registration periods, the A.S.B. strongly urges the provision of: a Web Advisor “add code” to alleviate admission congestion; an expedited process to receive prepaid parking passes; maps and lists of additional registration locations; and expanded access to “online” registration on campus.

12. The A.S.B. Council will continue to develop mentoring relationships with our community and strengthen the image of V.V.C. by expanding our leadership conferences to more local schools.

13. The A.S.B. Council will create a recognition path to honor individuals whom have made a difference for students.